be made and then fresh petitions poured in from all sides. Always an occasion to re-open the question has suggested itself.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—After the re-interpretation was put in, who was benefited ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of anybody being particularly benefited.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Who got the confirmation then ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was this Mr. Warriar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it in connection with this confirmation that this new interpretation was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was the occasion for the question to be re-opened.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it not more a case of doing justice rather than interpreting ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is so.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was the first interpretation wrong?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whenever a new interpretation is put in it follows that the first is wrong.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is it the policy of the Government to alter the rules and intrepretations to suit particular persons ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not the policy of the Government to put new interpretations arbitrarily. Wherever occasions arise, these things are necessary and have to be done.

Increasing salary of Heads of Departments.

452. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have increased the salary of any of the Heads of departments in 1108.

(b) whether they intend increasing the salary of any of the Heads of departments in 1109 ;

(c) what are the changes effected as under (a) and (b) ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The pay of the Director of Public Health was revised from Rs. 200—400 to Rs. 450—650. The question does not arise in respect of (b).

453. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the State is still in the grips of depression ;

(b) whether the depression has sufficiently eased, so as to enable them to undertake increments of the salary of Heads of departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is still some depression.

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